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MS PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 10/212,113 filed on August 6, 2002,
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

Yukio INAZUKI; Masayuki NAKATSU; Tsuneo NUMANAMI; Atsushi TAJIKA;
Hideo KANEKO; and Satoshi OKAZAKI

for

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MANUFACTURE

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE		\$750.00		\$375.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5-20 =	0	x 18 =	\$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3-3 =	0	x 84 =	\$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$750.00		\$0.00

3. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/212,113, filed on August 6, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 2001-237670 filed in JAPAN on August 6, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

b. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/212,113, filed on August 6, 2002 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 10/212,113 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/____/____ filed on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. Enclosed is/are four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/212,113 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8. The prior application is assigned to Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.

9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a. Priority of Application No(s). 2001-237670 filed in JAPAN on August 6, 2001 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on August 6, 2002.

10b. Priority of International Appln. ____ filed on ____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and ____ Application No. ____ filed in ____ on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12. Address all future communications to:

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13. An extension of time for ____ () month(s) until ____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/212,113 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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